

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of each claim in the present application is listed below.

Claims 1-10: (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended): An alkyl ether sulfate salt of the general formula I



wherein

R is an i-C<sub>13</sub> group ~~or a mixture of 2-propyl heptyl and i-C<sub>13</sub> groups,~~

R<sup>1</sup> is methyl,

M<sup>+</sup> is a cation, selected from the group consisting of alkali metals, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and HNR<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>, where R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of unbranched or branched alkyl radicals, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH and CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>3</sub>,

y has a mean value of 1-2,

z has a mean value of 1-4,

for which the quotient A of the critical micelle concentration cmc

$$A = \frac{\text{cmc}(\text{RO}-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_z\text{SO}_3^- \text{M}^+)}{\text{cmc}(\text{RO}-(\text{CH}_2-\text{CHR}^1\text{O})_y-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_z\text{SO}_3^- \text{M}^+)} \quad \text{is} > 1.$$

Claims 12-18: (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented): At least one of a laundry detergent and a cleaning composition comprising the alkylether sulfate salt as claimed in Claim 11.

20. (Previously Presented): A composition comprising the alkylether sulfate salt of Claim 11, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of a powder laundry detergent, a compact laundry detergent, a super compact laundry detergent, a laundry detergent extrudate, a laundry detergent gel, a liquid laundry detergent, a liquid laundry detergent pouch, a liquid laundry detergent concentrate, a hand dishwashing detergent, a dishwashing detergent for mechanical dishwashers, a scouring cleaner, a scouring milk, a handwashing paste, a handwashing gel, an all-purpose cleaner, a glass cleaner, a window cleaner, a floor cleaner, a bathroom cleaner, a WC cleaner, a kitchen cleaner, a slaughterhouse cleaner, a car shampoo and a metal cleaner.

21. (Previously Presented): A cosmetic composition comprising the alkylether sulfate salt as claimed in Claim 11.

22. (Previously Presented): The cosmetic composition of Claim 21, selected from the group consisting of a shower gel, a hair shampoo, a bath additive, a syndet, a lotion, an oil, a perfume oil, a liquid handwashing soap and an emulsifier for a cream.

23. (Previously Presented): The alkylether sulfate salt of Claim 11, wherein R is an i-C<sub>13</sub> group; M<sup>+</sup> is an alkali metal; y has a mean value of 2; and A is >2.

24. (Previously Presented): The alkylether sulfate salt of Claim 11, wherein R is an i-C<sub>13</sub> group and M<sup>+</sup> is an alkali metal.

25. (Previously Presented): The alkylether sulfate salt of Claim 11, wherein A has a value of > 1 to 50.

26. (Previously Presented): The alkylether sulfate salt of Claim 11, wherein A is  
> 1.5.

Claims 27-28: (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented): The alkylether sulfate salt of Claim 11, wherein y has a  
mean value of 2; z has a mean value of 1 or 3;  $M^+$  is an alkali metal; and R is an i-C<sub>13</sub> group.

30. (Previously Presented): A method, comprising:  
contacting an aqueous solution of the alkyl ether sulfate salt of Claim 11 with a  
laundry textile.

31. (Previously Presented): A method, comprising:  
contacting an aqueous solution of the alkyl ether sulfate salt of Claim 11 with a  
substrate to clean the substrate.

32. (Previously Presented): A method, comprising:  
contacting a composition comprising the alkyl ether sulfate salt of Claim 11 with a  
portion of a human body.

Claims 33-45: (Canceled).